Title: Demand to protect the interests of the rubber growers of the country by using the natural rubber latex for rubberalisation of roads instead of importing it.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the technology of rubberalisation of roads has been accepted by the Government of India after due research. This technology was developed in some other foreign countries. In France, it has been emphatically found that using natural rubber latex is the best way of rubberisation of roads, and this has been accepted.

Sir, lately I find that the Government of India has decided to rubberise 10 per cent of national highways. It is a good decision. Though it has been decided and the orders have been given by the Government of India as well as the State Government of Kerala to both private companies and international companies here, a multinational company in Delhi is not using natural rubber latex. It is causing a very serious problem as far as the rubber growers are concerned because imported rubber is coming from outside and the waste rubber is not being used by this company. Many of the officials are interested in giving orders to this particular company.

Sir, it is a very serious matter, and therefore, I would submit that the Government of India should intervene in the matter and save the interests of the rubber growers of this country....(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Varkala Radhakrishnan, you can also associate yourself with what he has said.

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